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FROM DORRIAN, FCIA VP

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SUBJ: FCIA INSURANCE

HAD DISCUSSION DR. SILVA GUERRA BANK OF PORTUGAL ABOUT
DELAYS IN TRANSFER. GUERRA SAYS BANK BLAMED FOR MANY
DELAYS THAT ARE FAULT OF BUYER. LICENSES (BULLETINS IN
PORTUGUESE) COVER IMPORT AND EXCHANGE AUTHORITY AND
ARE VALID TO SPECIFIC DATE. BUYERS MUST NOW PRODUCE
EVIDENCE THAT GOODS IN CUSTOMS ARE BEING IMPORTED AND
MUST PAY DURING VALIDITY PERIOD. IF NOT, MUST REAPPLY.
MANY BUYERS FAIL TO COMPLY SO COMMERCIAL BANKS CANNOT
APPLY TO BANK OF PORTUGAL FOR FOREIGN EXCHANGE. BANK
IS SWAMPED WITH REAPPLICATIONS WHICH TAKE TIME TO CLEAR
3 TO 5 MONTHS MENTIONED.

PROPERLY DOCUMENTED AND VALID CASES ARE CLEARED 3-5 DAYS.
UNDERSTAND FOR EXAMPLE THAT GONCALVES EXTENSIONS REFERRED
TO IN PREVIOUS TELEX ARE IN ORDER SO FIAT ALLIS SHOULD
SEE PAYMENTS COME IN WITHIN FEW DAYS OF 15 OF MONTH.
INSUREDS SHOULD BE ASKED IF THEIR BUYERS ARE BEING
PRESSED FOR PAYMENT AND EVIDENCE THAT THEY HAVE COMPLIED
WITH TERMS OF BULLETINS (LICENSES) OR APPLIED FOR EXTENSIONS
IF NOT. MANY USING CURRENT SITUATION AS EXCUSE TO DELAY
PAYMENT BECUASE OF SHORTAGE OF FUNDS.

US EMBASSY HAS AGREED TO CHASE UP ALL CASES YOU GAVE ME
AND TO LET ME KNOW POSITION IN DUE COURSE THRU BILL WIGHT.

REGARDS DORIAN

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